

Attention Shooters:

Parma Woods Range is constructed using an open baffle system. The baffles consist of a series of steel plates, some filled with gravel, and all surfaces covered with a rubber material designed to help prevent ricochets. Within specified range limitations, these baffles will prevent bullets from leaving the range, providing for maximum safety, both to the shooters, and to members of the general public.

Recently, Parma Woods Range has had an increase in the use of ammunition that is not allowed at the range. According to Missouri Department of Conservation Policy, you may not use tracer ammunition, armor piercing ammunition, or ammunition with steel penetrators. (i.e. SS109, and M855 rounds) Prohibited rounds pose safety concerns, are very damaging to the system, and require a tremendous amount of time and money for repairs.

In addition to this, there are a number of different rounds, fairly new to the American ammunition market being manufactured with a significant amount of iron (or Steel) in the bullet. Though these rounds are not considered armor piercing, it is very difficult to tell these rounds from the true armor piercing ammunition. Also, these rounds are believed to cause many of the same problems as true armor piercing bullets. For these reasons, we cannot allow these rounds to be fired at the range either.

What does this mean for you?

Range staff have been instructed to enforce these regulations. They will be checking ammunition to make sure that none of these prohibited cartridges are fired on the range. Our range officers will be checking your ammunition with a magnet. If the projectile of the cartridge will stick to the magnet we will not allow them to be fired on the range.

Many of the prohibited rounds are manufactured in military cartridges. This will greatly affect any range users shooting these cartridges. These may include, but are not limited to, .223 Remington or 5.56mm, 7.62x39, 7.62x54, .308 Winchester, .303 British, and .30-06 Springfield. There are many other ammunition manufacturers that provide acceptable ammunition for these calibers. If you need any assistance as to where you may purchase these rounds, please visit with our range staff.

I ask for your cooperation in this matter. Please direct any comments or questions to myself at: Nathan Woodland, Supervisor; Parma Woods Shooting Range; P.O. Box 14024; Parkville, MO 64152. I may also be reached here at the range at (816) 891-9941.

Sincerely,

Nathan Woodland, Outdoor Education Center Supervisor
Parma Woods Shooting Range & Outdoor Education Center